# Tensor Factorization via Matrix Factorization 

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- Learning latent variable graphical models
- Anandkumar et al. 2013b
- TODO: crowdsourcing
- TODO: others


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$T$


$$
T(I, I, w)=\left(w^{\top} u_{1}\right) u_{1}^{\otimes 2}+\left(w^{\top} u_{2}\right) u_{2}^{\otimes 2}+\left(w^{\top} u_{3}\right) u_{3}^{\otimes 3}
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- Proposal: Eigen-decomposition on the projected matrix.


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- Multiple projections proposed in Anandkumar, Hsu, and Kakade 2012, but didn't use simultaneous diagonalization.


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